

REMARKS

With entry of this amendment, claims 3-14, 17-18 and 20 will remain in this application. Claims 3-5, 7-12, 17-18, and 20 have been amended. In making the amendments, all of the Examiner's objections and 112 rejections have been taken into account. Specifically, the language "such as" has been removed from claims 3, 4, 18, and 20 as suggested by the Examiner.

Claims 3, 18 and 20 have been amended as suggested by the Examiner and should now be allowable. (Claim 3 has a limitation removed that was inadvertently inserted in the last amendment. As it now stands, claim 3 is that claim in independent form that corresponds to claims 1 and 3 as filed, a combination indicated as allowable by the Examiner in the first Office action. Thus, it is believed that entry of this amendment at this time raises no new issues nor requires a new search and, thus, entry is proper.) Claims 4, 5 and 7-12 have been amended to depend on claim 3 and also be allowed. Claim 17 now depends on claim 18 and should be allowed.

In view of the above, Applicants believe that, with entry of this amendment, all claims remaining in this application will be in condition for allowance. Thus, entry of this amendment and prompt notice of allowance is respectfully solicited.

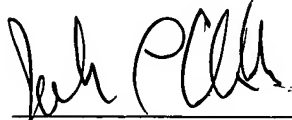
The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at (202) 220-4200 to discuss any information concerning this application.

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The Office is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R.
§ 1.16 or § 1.17 or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

Respectfully submitted,

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